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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 18 October 1965

DDCI was in the chair. DCI was on the Hill.

25X1 R. J. Smith briefed on the destruction by U. S. strike aircraft of a SAM site in North Vietnam yesterday. He noted the DCI's concern [redacted] suggesting ChiCom forces in the southern part of North Vietnam, the movements of jet fighters to Hainan, etc., and the preparation of a special alerting memo on this subject disseminated yesterday.

Kent reported on the completion of an in-house Agency memo concerning the recent buildup of air defense capabilities in Vietnam and the probable consequences. [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] The basic conclusion of the CIA paper is that kills per U. S. sortie against North Vietnam are likely to rise.

25X1 DD/S&T reported that the weather had cleared, and approval will be sought from the DDCI and DCI this afternoon for two U-2 missions [redacted]

25X1 DD/S&T noted curiosities about the Soviet reconnaissance satellite launched on 16 October. [redacted]

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25X1 DD/S&T asked for clarification of the manner in which the Agency will assess the studies concerning the NIKE-X and the ChiCom advanced weapons threat. He was told that a DD/I task force team was working on this with inputs from DD/S&T, particularly OSI. It was noted that [redacted] has informed the SecDef about the Agency study and told him that Agency views would be forthcoming toward the end of this month.

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DD/S&T reported that he had an appointment with Secretary Rusk at 5:30 p.m. today to discuss OXCART. [redacted]

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[redacted] will be in attendance. DDCI will try to attend also but he noted that he may be in session with Senator Brewster at that time.

DD/P briefed on his impressions following his recent trip to Vietnam and Laos. He particularly cited the good work being done by the Agency-sponsored census grievance teams. (See Action 2)

DDCI noted the [redacted] military meetings there with several Congressmen, including Representative Rivers and Senator Brewster. All of the Congressmen seemed hostile to Agency programs. DDCI asked for particulars as to why these Congressmen feel this way. He noted that we have requested supplementary funds in the amount of [redacted] for our SEA programs and that this money has not yet been provided. [redacted]

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DDCI noted the recommendation from [redacted] proposing [redacted] for the Intelligence Star. It was agreed that this would be set before the Honor and Merits Award Board for its early consideration.

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DDCI commended OCI for its well-timed memo done last week on world-wide anti-U. S. demonstrations against U. S. policy in Vietnam.

DDCI noted that he planned to prepare a cable commending [redacted] for its reporting job in recent days. There was agreement that the reporting has been excellent.

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ACTIONS:

1. DDCI asked DD/S&T to inform him of the status of arrangements to carry out U-2 reconnaissance over [redacted] as agreed to by the 303 Committee recently. (DD/S&T -- in the course of the day)

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2. DD/P is requested to contact Clark Clifford or Pat
Coyne and brief either one or both on the census grievance teams,
and other aspects of the situation in Vietnam as appropriate,
prior to the Clifford-Coyne departure for the Far East on the 21st
of October.

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